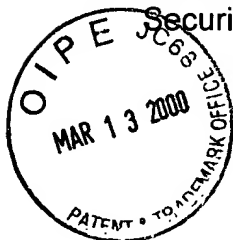


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 08/894,766
Filed: 30 August 1997
Inventors: Puttkammer et al.
For: Method and Apparatus for Checking
Security Documents

Examiner: Bartuska, F.
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Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a)

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 1 March 2000 received today to petition for revival of the instant unavoidably abandoned application. The fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,17(l) is tendered herewith under protest.

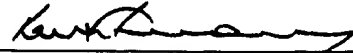
A thorough search of the undersigned attorney's office facilities has revealed that the Office letter alleged by the notice of abandonment to have been mailed on 2 August 1999 has not been received and that, therefore, the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a)(2) was unavoidable.

Neither the docket calendar maintained by the attorney has an entry of any response date to such Official letter nor was the application file removed from its normal file and placed in a special file in which applications are placed in the chronological order of any response date to Official letters.

Accordingly, Applicants pray that their instant petition for revival of their instant application be granted and that a copy of the alleged Office letter with an

appropriately adjusted response date be sent to their undersigned attorney for preparing a timely response to such Official letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Reviewer: Keith E. Peterson

Date: 03-17-00

APPLICATION NO. 08/894,764

1. Petition Type(s) (i.e., 137(b); 137(a))

Code(s) (502, 501, 503, etc.):

1.137(a)

501

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2. List Papers to be entered on contents of file jacket filed with petition:

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3. Application number on petition agrees with applicant and/or title of invention (this can be verified on PALM or on Netscape) ☒ yes ☐ no. If application number is not correct, indicate correct application no. _____ and correct on petition/papers filed.

4. Is paper a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment: ☐ yes ☒ no
If so, send paper and/or file to appropriate location (*Note: remove any flag set first*):

(Circle appropriate)

- a. Nonreceipt of action from TC or assertion that reply was timely filed:
Send paper to TC _____
- b. Nonreceipt of Missing Parts Notice or assertion that reply was timely filed:
Send paper to OIPE-Betty Robinson-CP2-7D25(PH: 308-09100)
- c. Assertion of timely payment of issue fee and/or submission of drawings:
Send petition to Office of Publications: ATTN: Tom Hawkins
- d. Other _____

5. Information Disclosure Statement:

- a. If file in the Office of Petitions? ☐ yes (if yes, match paper with file)
☐ no (send paper to file location)

6. Other: _____

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7. Is petition accompanied by assignment papers, fee address, or other paper which needs to be sent to another location? ☐ yes ☒ no

If so, make copy of assignment papers, fee address, or other paper; mail original to proper location and place copy in file with an indication that the original paper(s) has been forwarded to the appropriate location (Assignment Branch; Maintenance Fee Division, etc.)